

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of manufacturing a heat treated coated glazing panel comprising the steps of:

providing a coated glazing panel comprising a sheet of glass, a transparent coating supported at at least one of the major surfaces of the sheet of glass and a protective coating comprising an organic or acrylic paint covering the transparent coating;

subjecting the coated glazing panel to a heat treatment process in a furnace at a temperature of at least 550°C;

causing at least partial degradation of the protective coating during the heat treatment process.

2. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 1, comprising the additional step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating following the heat treatment process.

3. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~claim 1 or claim 2~~ Claim 1, in which during heat treatment, the protective coating is transformed into a powder, ~~preferably a powder which is absorbent with respect to infra red radiation.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~any preceding claim,~~ Claim 1, in which the heat treatment process comprises tempering the glazing panel.

5. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 4 in which tempering is carried out in a furnace without the use of a heat balance system.

6. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~, Claim 1, in which the step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating comprises treating the glazing panel in an industrial glass washing machine.

7. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~, Claim 1, in which the transparent coating is an infra red reflecting coating.

8. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~, Claim 1, in which the glazing panel is a heat treatable glazing panel.

9. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~, Claim 1, in which the transparent coating is a sputter deposited coating and comprises a metal silver containing layer having a thickness of between 5nm and 30nm sandwiched between dielectric layers.

10. (Original) A heat treatable glazing panel comprising, in order:
a glass sheet;

a transparent, infra red reflective coating layer; and

a protective coating comprising a layer of organic or acrylic paint.

11. (Original) A substantially haze free heat treated glazing panel comprising, in order:

a glass sheet;

a transparent, infra red reflecting coating layer deposited on the glass sheet prior to heat treatment; and

traces of a layer of organic or acrylic paint.

12. (New) A method in accordance with Claim 3, in which the powder is absorbent with respect to infra red radiation.